

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a gas nozzle and to a welding torch equipped with the gas nozzle, a nozzle assembly and with a contact tube that have an artificially produced patina layer for the purpose of reducing the adhesion of welding spatters at least on a partial area of the surface thereof. The invention also relates to a cleaning device for welding torches having a brush provided with bristles. These bristles are made of a very soft elastic material, preferably plastic, and abrasive grains are embedded in the bristles.--